peutic group to which the twelve drugs on which the price index is . based have been introduced after 1970-71;

(b) whether it is a fact that these newly introduced drugs have taken the major share of production and consumption;

(c) if so, what are the names of these new drugs along with their production and sales turnover of each of the drug during last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there were number of other essential and drugs of mass consumption in 1970-71, which were not taken into account for computing the index;

(e) if so, what were the reasons for not including those drugs; and

(f) what were the reasons for not replacing the obsolete drugs and not including the newer drugs in the basket for computation of the index?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is possible that some newer drugs of the same therapeutic group might have attained a higher turnover as compared to bulk drugs on which existing wholesale price index is based.

• (c) Information to the extent available would he collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(d) and (e) The bulk drugs in the wholesale index basket were included in 1970-71 keeping in view the prevalence of diseases usage and other relevant considerations.

(f) The basket of bulk drugs in J wholesale index is under review.

Increased Sales Turn-over of Small Scale Units

602. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleas-I ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale uints under his Ministry have" crossed the exempted limit of sales turn-over of rupees lif;y lacs during the last three/four years;

(b) if so, what are the names of such units which have come to the notice of Government, indicating as to when they crossed the exempted limits;

(c) what action was taken against them for contravening the control or der;

(d) by when the prices of all the products of those units will be fixed;

(e) what is the machinery in his Ministry to -check and fix prices expeditiously go that consumers may get the benefits; and

(f) what were the reasons for not fixing the prices of their products soon after they crossed the exempted limit?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Some units reported to have crossed the limit of 50 lakhs in sales turnover have come to the notice of the Government. Notices have been issued to over 200 units to ascertain the sales turnover and other relevant details before taking further action. While some units have already furnished information in re-Ply to notice others have submitted a representation against Government's right to revise the prices of the formulations after the concerned units ceased to be exempt after crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs, Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association have also represented to the Government. All these representations/replies are being processed taking the legal advice.